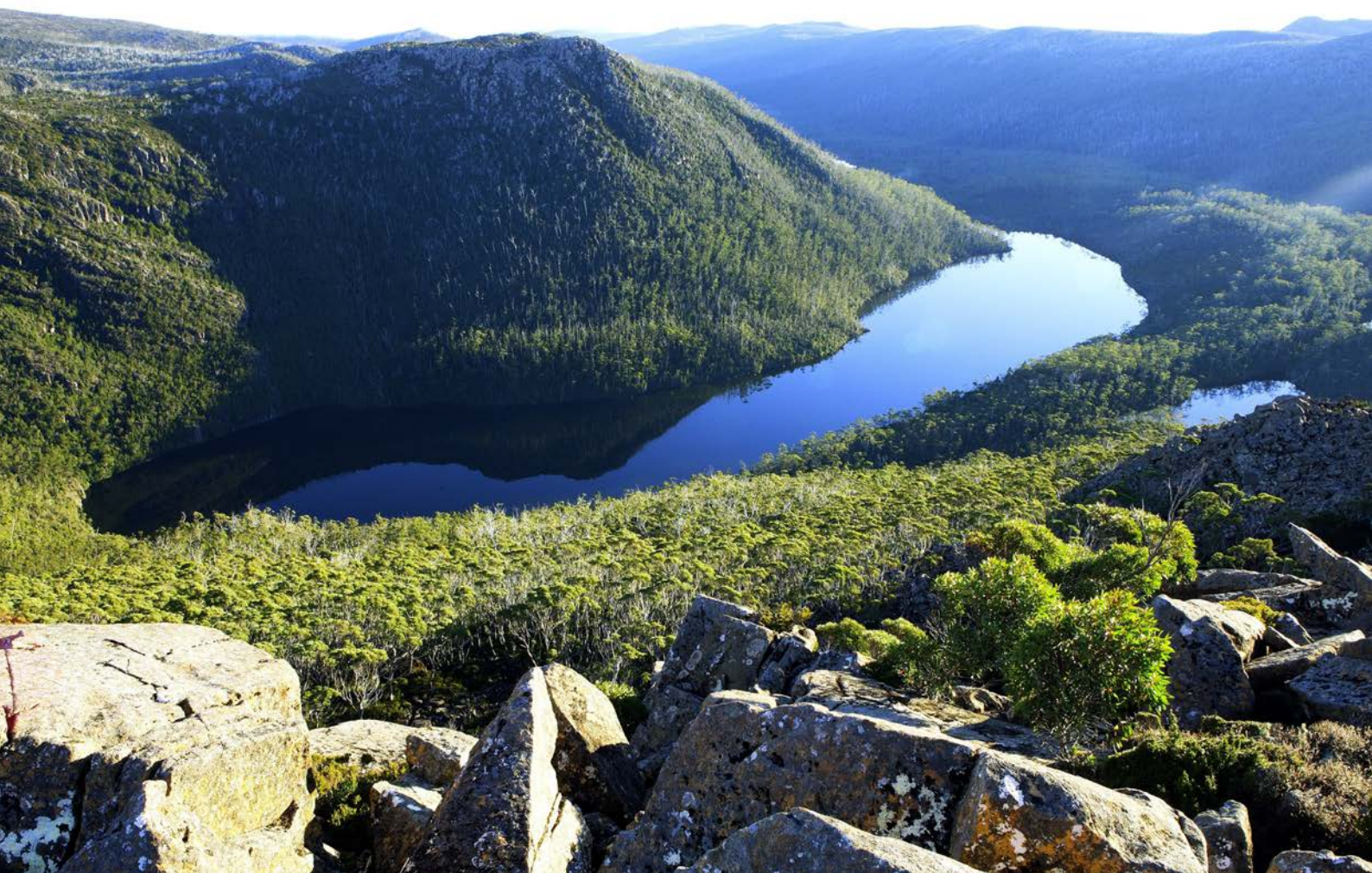


Building *your* Future

First Year Agenda



Message from the Premier

My Government has a Plan to take Tasmania to the next level.

Our Plan builds on the momentum we have gained in our first four years.

Tasmania is now a much stronger, prouder and more confident place.

Our economy is one of the strongest in the nation.

Tasmanian businesses are the most confident in the country.

We said we would fix the budget, and we have.

This is why we are investing even more in health, education and police.

However, we know that our best days are still ahead of us.

Our Plan will ensure every Tasmanian, in every region, can share in the benefits.

Our Plan will deliver a stronger economy and more jobs, invest more into health and education, reduce the cost of living, make our communities safer and protect our way of life, and build the infrastructure our growing state needs.

My Government's First Year Agenda outlines how we will deliver on our Plan and make Tasmania an even better place to live, work and raise a family.



Will Hodgman MP
Premier

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Task the Coordinator-General with working with regional councils to build on local support for our payroll tax relief for businesses migrating to regional Tasmania, and beginning work to market the program interstate.

This will encourage businesses to relocate to regional Tasmania, to support more local jobs and investment in regional communities and spread economic growth across the State.

Hold roundtable meetings with Regional Tourism Organisations to begin planning for the establishment of three new touring “journeys” in the North, South and North-West.

The new tourist-driving journeys in each region will ensure regional Tasmania shares in our billion-dollar tourism boom, creating jobs and encouraging visitors into our regions to spend money and spread economic growth across the State.

Open an EOI process to develop a sensitive and appropriate new iconic tourism experience at the southern end of the Cradle Mountain Gateway Precinct.

Annual visitors to Cradle Mountain exceed 250,000 but the visitor experience is failing to meet increasing demand and visitor expectation. New private investment in the tourism experience will take Cradle Mountain to the next level, making it the nation’s premier World Heritage Area experience.

Begin recruitment of new biosecurity officers for King and Flinders Island and continue industry consultation on our new Biosecurity Bill to modernise and streamline biosecurity legislation and better manage risks of pests, weeds and disease.

Biosecurity is vitally important for protecting Tasmania’s reputation for quality food and agricultural produce. Our relative pest and disease-free status is a competitive advantage, and these additional biosecurity measures will help protect our State and maintain our place in a global market place.

Commence development of a whole of government White Paper on the Competitiveness of Tasmanian Agriculture for 2050.

The White Paper will consider policy improvements to address key issues that impact production, investment and the profitability of farmers and agribusiness, including energy and water costs, the costs of regulation and access to new technologies.

Commence the review into irrigation electricity tariffs and establish the Farm Energy Advocate in Aurora Energy.

Irrigation systems are heavily reliant on electricity; the review will look at tariffs that are more suitable to modern irrigation enterprises and offer a competitive advantage to Tasmanian irrigators. The Advocate will work directly with farmers to optimise tariffs and minimise energy costs.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Extend the Agri-growth Loans Scheme to young farmers with a further \$20 million in low interest (concessional) loans.

This Scheme supports farmers and agri-food businesses to innovate and expand and turn their inspiration into reality.

Begin the process to relocate DPIPWE offices and 100 staff positions to the North and North-West and begin recruitment of two new AgriGrowth Liaison Officers.

The North and North-West are key contributors to our State's economic growth through our primary industries. The Government will ensure government is best placed to support industry growth on the ground, by moving positions to where they are needed most.

Amend the Metro Tasmania Act 1997 to enable the State-owned company to operate river ferries, and commence planning for public ferry infrastructure.

Hobart's growth along the Derwent provides a natural opportunity to introduce a ferry commuter service that could potentially take thousands of vehicles off roads, in and around the city. The Government has allocated funding to support the development of a commuter ferry service between Bellerive and the City of Hobart, operated by Metro, with port-side infrastructure for the service provided by TasPorts.

Begin consultation to establish industry-based sub committees for the TasTAFE Trades and Water Centre of Excellence in the south, and the Agricultural Centre of Excellence in the North-West.

The \$7m Trades and Water Centre will help meet high demand for skilled workers across a number of trade areas. The \$5m Agricultural Centre of Excellence will ensure the State's primary industries have access to the skills they need for their business to grow.

Increase the targeted Small Business Grant for Apprentices and Trainees to \$5000 for each new apprentice or trainee employed in a growth area of the economy.

The 2017-18 pilot grant scheme has been highly successful and has supported almost 1250 new apprentices and trainees with Tasmanian small business. The new scheme provides a total of \$2.5 million annually in grants for small businesses that employ apprentices and trainees.

Establish a working group with industry partners, such as TasICT and the Australian Computer Society (ACS) to develop a new Workforce Development Plan for the industry.

Enhancing the capability of the IT workforce does not end with formal training and schooling. In education, we will continue to establish STEM learning pathways from K to Year 12, providing information about STEM careers and help learners to make informed choices for their future, with particular focus on encouraging women and diversity in IT.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs cont.

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Put out a Request for Tender to increase mobile coverage to at least 95% of the Great Eastern Drive.

The \$3.5 million investment with a telecommunications provider will improve coverage along the Great Eastern Drive between Binalong Bay and Buckland, as well as in several small towns including Four Mile Creek and Falmouth, which currently have little or no mobile coverage.

Determine models to expand the number of workshops and training activities available to increase digital literacy in Tasmania.

With almost all State and Federal Government services now delivered digitally, Tasmanians will benefit from increased access to, and enhanced capabilities, to use these services. Increased digital inclusion will ensure Tasmanians are not left behind.

Direct Momentum Energy to identify a site to relocate their call centre to Tasmania.

As a business owned by the Tasmanian Government, it is appropriate that call centre roles are based in Tasmania.

Introduce legislation to give effect to the Government's suite of tax reform initiatives, including:

- o Regional business relocation payroll tax holiday;
- o New lower payroll tax rate and threshold;
- o Extension of payroll tax rebate scheme for apprentices; and
- o Foreign Investor surcharge.

The new measures will support jobs growth by providing an incentive to business to invest and hire more employees and invest; attract businesses to regional areas to boost investment and jobs and spread economic growth across the State; support an increase in the number of apprenticeships and traineeships; and ensure foreign buyers contribute a fair share to our State, levelling the playing field for Tasmanians.

Continue to implement the priority actions in the sustainable industry growth plan for the salmon industry.

The Government is continuing to work with stakeholders to deliver our Plan, released in 2017, to support sustainable industry growth and jobs, to maintain public confidence in the salmon industry, and to continue to improve environmental regulation, and biosecurity systems.

Begin work and consultation to develop the Tasmanian Trade Strategy – our first whole of Government strategy aimed at maximising opportunities to increase international engagement for Tasmanian industries.

Tasmania achieved the highest growth in exports in the nation over the 12 months to February 2018, exporting more than \$3.4 billion in goods (up 33%) and far exceeding the national average increase of 12%. A Tasmanian Trade Strategy will ensure we maintain the momentum, to keep growing and creating jobs.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Release tender for feasibility studies into potential sites for Tasmania's Next Iconic Walk.

It is clear there is a market for another iconic walk in Tasmania. The Government has allocated \$500,000 over 2018-19 for feasibility studies, \$1 million for track survey work and approvals in 2019-20 and up to \$18.5 million to develop and construct the new iconic multi-day bush walk to boost visitor numbers, length of stay and spending in regional Tasmania.

Launch the Screen Innovation Fund to provide an additional \$2 million to Tasmania's growing screen industry.

Tasmania's screen industry has come alive, showcasing our State and our industry to the world and creating jobs, investment and skill retention. The Government is investing in the industry to back strategically important projects for the sector.

Deliver a \$350,000 grant towards thoroughbred and harness breeding programs.

This will provide an incentive to increase breeding of racehorses in Tasmania, creating new jobs within breeding, racing and associated primary industries, and increasing Tasmania's presence in the national breeding market.

First ICT Summit to be held, including representatives of the sector, peak bodies, TaslCT and the Australian Computer Society, and the private sector.

The Government has committed to convening an ICT summit twice a year, to progress opportunities that Information Technology and Communications offer to Tasmania and its economy.

Start planning for the delivery of the new permanent Children's exhibition space at TMAG.

This will provide an opportunity to enhance and update the TMAG experience. All TMAG's permanent exhibitions are at least five years old. A number of the well-used children's exhibits have been "loved to death". This commitment support one of Tasmania's most visited cultural attractions, cementing its reputation as a destination for children and families.

Deliver a multi-sector trade mission to China.

This multi-sector mission will promote Tasmanian exports and support Tasmanian businesses in the China market place. China accounts for more than 30% of the total value of Tasmanian exports. Tasmania recorded 52% growth in merchandise exports to China in 2017. China is also Tasmania's second largest source of international visitors.



Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Commence Phase 2 of the Forest Industry Growth Plan marketing campaign.

The Government is supporting the Forest Industry Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre Industry which sets an objective of doubling the "industry value add" to \$1.2 billion by 2036, and creating more jobs by adding value to our forest resource. The Growth Plan marketing campaign will help grow the profile of Tasmania's timber industry, opening up new opportunities.

Open up applications for project funding from the National Institute for Forest Products Innovation.

The Government is supporting the Forest Industry Growth Plan for the Tasmanian Forests, Fine Timber and Wood Fibre Industry, which sets an objective of doubling the "industry value add" to \$1.2 billion by 2036, and creating more jobs by adding value to our forest resource. The National Institute for Forest Products Innovation will help develop innovative new ways of creating high-value products underpinning future growth in the forest industry.

Finalise support package to Dutch Mill (Australia) to support its takeover of the Edith Creek Milk Processing Facility.

The closure of the Edith Creek plant was a major blow to the North-West; the subsequent sale to Dutch Mill (Australia) and reopening will see up to 112 jobs created after two years when the plant reaches full operational capacity. The reopening is supported by a Government support package.

Open up the new Event Attraction Fund.

The Event Attraction Fund will provide \$4 million over four years and enable Events Tasmania to actively target and secure mass-participation events that will bring more visitors to Tasmania, encourage them to stay longer, see more of our State and spend more.

Commence recruitment for 15 new parks rangers and field officers.

The new rangers and field officers will enhance the overall experience of visitors and locals. This will cement our reputation as the environmental tourism capital of the world, while also ensuring all those that come to our National Parks and reserves have a memorable and safe experience.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Commence consultation with agricultural stakeholders to deliver the agricultural industry development and farmer extension program.

We will work with farmers, processors and industry groups in key agri-food sectors on practical strategies to improve on-farm productivity and profitability throughout the supply chain across red meat, dairy, wine, fruit and vegetables, organics, wool, hemp and honey industries.

Planning for new biosecurity state-wide truck and machinery wash down stations underway in consultation with agribusiness and councils.

The Government is partnering with farmers, agribusiness and local government to build a network of washdown stations to improve biosecurity and farm hygiene, by disposing of waste, reduce potential spread of disease and weeds, and improve road safety.

New Shellfish Market Access Program.

The Government is partnering with the oyster and shellfish industry to coordinate industry development under the Shellfish Market Access Program (Shell-MAP), helping protect our export markets and enhance Tasmania's reputation for quality seafood.

Establish a new Hospitality Unit within Government to spearhead industry and government collaboration.

Hospitality is the backbone of the Tasmanian visitor economy. It is the third largest employing industry in Tasmania with more than 22,300 employees and 2,000 businesses. The sector is experiencing unprecedented growth and investment. The Government is committed to continuing our strong partnership with the THA and the hospitality sector.

Development of a new Research Farm Portfolio Plan to modernise our research farm assets to support agricultural Research, Development and Extension.

An action from our 2017 White Paper "Growing Tasmanian Agriculture – Research Development & Extension for 2050", the Government and Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture will jointly commission the Plan to determine how to most strategically use our research farm assets to support agricultural RD&E, including the potential to establish Centres of Excellence.

Release of the Training and Work Pathways program.

The Program supports projects that increase opportunities for people experiencing disadvantage and barriers to participation in post-compulsory education and employment.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Introduce legislation to transform the Brand Tasmania Council into a new Statutory Authority to take Tasmania's brand to the next level.

There is no doubt Tasmania's brand is one of our greatest assets. Through the new statutory authority, we will turn up the spotlight on Tasmania, giving us a louder and clearer sales pitch that all Tasmanians can use.

Finalise and launch the B21 Business Growth Strategy 2018-2023.

B21 is a new Government initiative, establishing a strategic partnership between business and industry representatives through the Tasmanian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the Tasmanian Small Business Council, and Government, to establish a growth strategy for Tasmanian businesses and industries.

Launch the Western Journey project, making Tasmania's spectacular West our next iconic drive.

The Western Journey follows the success of the Great Eastern Drive. It will be the second of five new journeys across the State that will ensure regional Tasmania shares in our billion-dollar tourism boom, creating jobs and encouraging visitors into our regions to spend money and spread economic growth across the State.

Commence construction of Stage II of the Dial Range Mountain Bike project.

Tasmania is fast gaining a reputation as the cycling tourism capital of Australia, with 38,000 annual visitors. The Cycle Tourism Strategy will invest \$6 million to grow the sector and create jobs.

Launch the 25th anniversary of the Tasmanian Exporter Awards.

The Exporter Awards are an important opportunity to celebrate Tasmanian businesses that drive our economy, facilitate investment and create jobs through international trade.

Convene the Ministerial Forum with Industry on Skills Priorities.

Engagement with strategic community and industry partners is critical to ensure skills funding and skills projects support industry and community needs.

Announce delivery model for light vehicle Provisional driving assessments by the private sector.

A key barrier and frustration for young drivers, particularly in rural and regional areas, is waiting times for initial testing and re-testing, if required, to achieve a P1 driving licence. Allowing appropriately qualified private-sector driving instructors to conduct the P1 Licensing Assessment will help remove these barriers.

Provide Government funding to the West Coast Council for the construction of a walking and cycle track linking the current Strahan walking track to Ocean Beach, on the West Coast.

Locals and visitors use the Active Strahan walking track. The Government will provide \$150,000 towards the construction of this new recreational facility on the West Coast.

Introduce legislation to facilitate the creation of Tasmanian Planning Policies.

The Tasmanian Planning Policies will provide strategic direction for Tasmania's planning system and regional land use strategies, including principles to support economic development and the future needs of the community.

Launch the Tasmanian Trade Strategy to support Tasmanian businesses to realise their international export potential.

Tasmania achieved the highest growth in exports in the nation over the 12 months to February 2018, exporting more than \$3.4 billion in goods (up 33%) and far exceeding the national average increase of 12%. A Trade Strategy will ensure we maintain the momentum to keep growing and creating local jobs.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Introduce legislation to update and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Forest Practices Act.

Forestry and associated downstream industries continue to be a major employer in Tasmania. Updates to the Forest Practices Act will improve clarity of regulatory practices for both the regulator and industry.

Commence the next phase of Western Tasmania mapping program as part of the Geosciences Initiative Program.

Minerals and metal form over 50% of Tasmania's exports and sustain thousands of regional jobs in the State. The Geosciences initiative will provide new data and ideas to underpin the next generation of minerals exploration and jobs in Tasmania.

Open up an EOI process for a tourism or community development at the Strahan Bond Store.

Interested investors have already approached the Government, as owners of the Bond Store. The Government will open up an EOI process to give this historic gem a second lease on life.

New Landcare Action Grants Program underway.

The Government will co-invest with farmers, landcare and other community organisations on practical, on-ground works for sustainable agriculture and rivercare. Investing in landcare is smart, as it helps maintain Tasmania's valuable reputation for clean food and agricultural produce.

Open up applications for mining exploration grant program for drilling within Tasmania.

Mining and mineral processing supports thousands of jobs throughout the State and especially in Western Tasmania. This program will identify new sites to underpin the future of mining in Tasmania, and create even more jobs.

Next phase of East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Project underway.

The successful East Coast Rock Lobster Translocation Program is helping to rebuild our East Coast Rock Lobster fishery for commercial and recreational fishers through the relocation of healthy populations from the South-West.

Commence a review into the State's moratorium on Genetically Modified Organisms.

The Tasmanian Genetically Modified Organisms Control Act 2004 provides the basis for the five-year moratorium on the commercial release of GMOs into the Tasmanian environment. The moratorium will be reviewed in consultation with the Tasmanian community before it expires in November 2019.

Metro Tasmania to conduct preliminary demand study to inform the introduction of a Derwent River Ferry Service.

This analysis will be used to inform the specifications and necessary supporting infrastructure of a fully-fledged Derwent River Ferry Service, initially operating between Bellerive and Sullivans Cove.

Run a procurement process for the trial of a regular passenger air service between Hobart and Strahan.

Tasmania's West Coast community is arguably the most remote community in Australia. A regular air service between Hobart and Strahan will help to boost tourism and the local economy, and improve the connectivity of the region.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Establish the \$5.1 million Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund.

Tasmania's abalone fishery is the world's largest sustainable wild abalone resource and supports more than 800 jobs. The Government will divert 2% of current royalties to establish an Abalone Industry Reinvestment Fund to support projects, including reducing the sea urchin population on the East Coast and increasing abalone stock rates.

Commence implementation of the Sarah Island Visitor Experience Plan, on the West Coast.

The Government is ensuring the visitor experience at Strahan matches its unrivalled historic and natural assets, by investing \$400,000 to upgrade tracks, building conservation and new interpretation signs on Sarah Island in Macquarie Harbour.

Release concept plans for the Cataract Gorge Light Show.

The Launceston City Council and Tourism Northern Tasmania has identified this project as a potential tourism boom for the North, providing a unique night-time experience to build on growing numbers of visitors to Launceston. The Government's \$875,000 investment will help realise this project.

Finalise selection of provider to deliver increased mobile coverage to at least 95% of the Great Eastern Drive.

The \$3.5 million co-investment with a telecommunications provider will improve coverage along the Great Eastern Drive between Binalong Bay and Buckland, as well as in several small towns including Four Mile Creek and Falmouth, which currently have little or no mobile coverage.

Release the Cradle Mountain Cableway Prospectus.

This important infrastructure investment will ensure the visitor experience matches the spectacular natural beauty of the area.

Release the third Red Tape Audit report.

The Government is committed to continuing to cut red tape and making Tasmania one of the best places in Australia in which to do business.

Complete assessment of first round of applications for exploration activity under the mining exploration program.

Mining and mineral processing supports thousands of jobs throughout the State and especially in Western Tasmania. This program will identify new sites to underpin the future of mining in Tasmania, and create even more jobs.

Open the Macquarie House Innovation Hub.

Following extensive renovations, the Macquarie House Innovation Hub will accommodate BSchool as well as accommodate the northern Enterprise Tasmania Office.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Delivering a Stronger Economy and more Jobs *cont.*

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Commence operation of the new Statutory Authority to take Tasmania's Brand to the next level.

The new Brand Tasmania statutory authority will take Tasmania's brand to the next level. This new structure follows the success of establishing Tourism Tasmania as an independent statutory authority, which has gone from strength to strength ever since.

Fund the extension of the Blundstone Scholarship for four years and increase opportunities for students wishing to study agribusiness.

The Blundstone Scholarship assists students undertaking an Associate Degree in Agribusiness at the University of Tasmania. It supports those who would not otherwise access higher education, and gives public school students an early boost in their careers in agriculture.

Commence upgrade works at Mornington Core Library.

Mining and minerals processing supports thousands of jobs in Tasmania and are dependent on access to high quality data. Upgrades to the Core Library will assist in continuing to deliver high-end geoscientific and analytic support to Tasmania's mining sector, helping support jobs and growth in the industry.

Modernised FarmPoint website released.

Upgrading and connecting the FarmPoint website to social media platforms to become the e-contact point for those primary producers who prefer smart phone and easy access to DPIPW's extensive information services.

Formalise an agreement with the West Coast Council to transform the West Coast Visitor Information and Booking Centre on Strahan's Esplanade.

This is the first step in our \$375,000 investment to create an integrated Visitor Experience Centre, providing a whole new level of service for visitors to Strahan.

Establish the new Weed Action Fund and the Weed Advocate role.

Weeds are a scourge on our landscape, impacting farm profitability and degrading our natural environment. The Government will partner with farmers, landcare and other community organisations to tackle weeds that are impacting on valuable agricultural or environmental assets.

Commence preparation of a new Rural Water Use strategy for Tasmania.

To support the next phase of water development, a new Tasmanian Rural Water Strategy will guide our future water management arrangements, ensure integrated, fair and efficient water administration and compliance, deliver water security for farmers and irrigators, and manage our water assets to achieve sustainable outcomes in a changing climate for agricultural growth, the environment and rural communities.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Action on the Cost of Living

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Legislate to cap power prices at CPI for a three-year period and begin the complex task of de-linking Tasmania from the National Electricity Market.

These measures will prevent Tasmania from facing the huge 15-20% increases that mainlanders are experiencing, force down power prices by 7-10%, and help deliver the Government's target of having the lowest regulated electricity prices in the nation by 2022.

Commence the \$750,000 three-year subsidy scheme for farmers to identify energy saving strategies.

Energy costs are a critical cost of production for farmers, especially in maximising the benefit from irrigation. Providing farmers with a qualified professional to review their farm energy use will help identify savings of thousands of dollars each year in electricity and water charges.

Introduce a free Seniors Parks Pass linked to the Tasmanian Seniors Card for one year, from 1 July 2018, with a 50% discount on the concession fee for Tasmanian Seniors Card holders for ensuing years.

Seniors have worked hard to contribute to the Tasmania we love and enjoy today. A free Parks Pass, and ongoing concessions, will help seniors stay active and be able to enjoy their State.

Begin review of the Solar Feed-in Tariff.

Two feed-in tariff rates are in operation in Tasmania. The review aims to determine a tariff that suitably rewards those who have installed solar, and look to incentivise further installation of solar in Tasmania, promoting uptake.

Freeze inland trout fishing licences at 2017-18 prices for four years.

This will make it cheaper for Tasmanians to go trout fishing.

Introduce legislation to give effect to the Government's suite of tax reform initiatives, including:

- o 50% stamp duty holiday for first home buyers;
- o 50% rebate for seniors downsizing their homes; and
- o Three-year land tax relief for new long-term rentals

Since the 2014 election, Tasmania's population has grown through strong economic growth. This requires a greater supply of housing, including affordable rental accommodation. By providing incentives to build and lease residential properties on a long-term basis, we can help ensure all Tasmanians have access to affordable housing, while also supporting our building and construction sectors.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Action on the Cost of Living

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Cap regulated energy price increases to no more than CPI.

Addressing cost of living pressures are important to the government, and we will do whatever we can to reduce the pressure on Tasmanian families.

Commence a range of new taxation measures including a reduction in payroll tax; a three year payroll tax exemption for businesses that move to Tasmania and relocate to regional areas; and a foreign investor surcharge on residential property and primary production land.

The new measures will support jobs growth by providing an incentive to business to hire more employees and invest; attract businesses to regional areas to boost investment and jobs and spread economic growth across the State; and ensure foreign buyers contribute a fair share to our State, and level the playing field for Tasmanians.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Complete solar tariff review.

Two feed-in tariff rates operate in Tasmania. The Government review will reshape the solar feed-in tariff.

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Introduce Ticket to Play, a sports voucher system to boost participation in sport and physical activity for eligible Tasmanians.

The Government is investing \$3 million in Tasmania's first sports voucher system, offering vouchers up to \$100 for club memberships for eligible Tasmanians aged 5-17 years. The primary barrier to children participating in organised sport is cost. Playing sport while young is vital in establishing lifelong healthy habits, along with building confidence, social skills and promoting teamwork, leadership skills and friendship.

Commence implementation of cost neutral transition for PAYG electricity customers.

Aurora Energy will implement a replacement Pay As You Go product in 2018-19. The Government will ensure that there will be no set up or establishment fees for existing PAYG customers to transfer to the new system.

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Introduce legislation to bring the Tasmanian Health Service under the direction of the Secretary, DHHS, and strengthen local decision-making.

The legislation will deliver better hospital management with a focus on strong, local leadership. Strengthening local hospital decision-making will deliver better health services across Tasmania, while retaining a statewide system.

Ensure local leadership positions are in place in Tasmania's hospitals providing day to day decision-making autonomy.

Under the THS governance changes, local clinicians will be better able to get on with the jobs and make the day-to-day decisions necessary to support patient care.

Release clear organisational charts for Tasmanian hospitals, so that staff and patients know who is leading their local hospital.

Strong, clear local management structures will be combined with state-wide planning and strategic leadership to reduce centralised management.

Commence procurement of 30 additional community-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds.

The Government will provide \$6 million over the next three years to boost community-based drug and alcohol rehabilitation across the State. This investment will improve access and provide more capacity to help vulnerable Tasmanians living with addiction issues.

Open the first round of the new Levelling the Playing Field grant program to improve sports facilities for girls and women.

Our \$10 million investment over two years will upgrade sports facilities for girls and women to meet the growing rate of participation of women and girls, particularly in football and cricket. Supporting girls and women to take up sport, or to stay playing sport, is a key Government commitment.

Convene an expert taskforce to provide advice on improving integration of mental health services in Southern Tasmania.

The taskforce will provide expert advice on the best use of new mental health services to benefit Tasmanian patients across the mental health spectrum, from community facilities, inpatient units and the Emergency Department. This will help ensure more Tasmanians get the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

Begin extending care for young people in Out of Home Care to 21 years.

The Government will continue reform of the Out of Home Care system by supporting young people until they are developmentally ready to transit from care.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Commence consultation and development of the new foster care allowance program, ready for implementation by October 2018.

Engage with foster carers, teachers and stakeholders to provide options for implementation of a new allowance program to improve secondary levels of education and training.

Begin work on developing with TasCOSS, a 10-year Community Sector Industry Development Plan.

The community sector is undergoing a period of significant reform. The Government is providing funding to TasCOSS to develop and begin implementation of a 10-year plan for the sector, to ensure workforce capacity and capability into the future.

Begin planning for the new Community Rapid Response (Hospital in the Home) program in the North-West and South.

This highly successful service will deliver care for hundreds of Tasmanians with chronic disease, saving patients and families countless trips to hospital each year and reducing demand on inpatient services.

Commence work on the first whole of government Action Plan against Sexual Violence.

The Government is investing \$200,000 to comprehensively research and develop a whole of government action plan against sexual violence, to ensure best practice approaches in Tasmania.

Open the first round of a new Men's Shed Grant program.

Men's Sheds are a safe and friendly place where men can work on projects and develop friendships and social connections, with resulting improvements to health and wellbeing. Total grants funding will be \$125,000 per year.

Commission the feasibility study into Urgent Care Centres in the Greater Hobart and Launceston areas.

Under similar models operating interstate and overseas, specialist GPs, supported by hospital specialists, provide care in the community, taking pressure off Emergency Departments and getting people treated sooner and closer to where they live.

Begin investigation for suitable greenfield sites for the \$6 million Ambulance Super Station in Glenorchy, and the \$6 million new Burnie Ambulance Station.

These new stations will provide significant improvements to current facilities for paramedics, including better staff meeting and training facilities, enhanced parking and disability access.

Begin planning for the introduction of free pre-school for disadvantaged or vulnerable three-year-olds, in partnership with the Early Education and Care sector.

Investing in the early years is a key priority for the Government. Research consistently shows that by investing in the early years of education, we can set up our children for the brightest future possible, particularly for children who are disadvantaged or vulnerable.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need *cont.*

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Commencement of the new incentive scheme for property owners.

Building on the Government's Housing Action Plan, this pilot program is designed to encourage residential property owners to make their affordable rental homes available for low income earners.

Increase core annual funding to Neighbourhood Houses by \$45,000 each per year, and commence work on a Protocol for Houses to work with Government.

This funding will ensure the future viability of Neighbourhood Houses by providing each with two full-time equivalent staff. Consultations will also commence with Houses and key stakeholders to prepare a Protocol so Neighbourhood Houses can work in a responsive and effective way with Government Agencies.

Commence initial concepts and start consultation for the Affordable Housing Action Plan Stage II.

Every Tasmanian deserves a roof over their head and reducing housing stress and homelessness is a top Government priority. Stage II of the Government's ten year comprehensive Affordable Housing Strategy will respond to increasing demand and deliver an additional \$125 million for affordable housing.

Commence planning capital improvements at the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

The Government is committed to a significant redesign and upgrade of the facility to improve the model of care and ensure it is fit for purpose.

Consult community stakeholders on additional intensive family and parenting support, including the specific allocation of individual brokerage funds for at-risk youth.

The Government is investing in significant reform of the Child Safety system and the first whole of government Youth at Risk Strategy. Additional funding will help to close the gap for at-risk children and young people to give them the positive future they deserve.

Deliver funding to Karinya for the Mums 'n' Bubs program.

The Government's commitment of \$600,000 over three years will enable Karinya to continue to deliver its program to provide young mums with intensive parenting support and living skills.

Begin planning to trial the Housing and Accommodation Support Initiative (HASI).

HASI will be a partnership between the Tasmanian Health Service, Housing Tasmania and Colony 47, to provide Tasmanians with mental illness better clinical and psychosocial rehabilitation support, linked in with stable housing and supported accommodation.

Begin consultation with clinicians about the right model of care and staffing of 15 additional mental health beds at the rebuilt Peacock Centre in Hobart.

The rebuilt Peacock Centre will provide 15 additional mental health beds for safe, supportive "step down" care post-hospitalisation or "step up" care for those whose condition has escalated to avoid hospitalisation, as well as community mental health services.



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Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Commence recruitment of a Clinical Nurse Educator position in each region to support better care in specialist palliative care units.

These positions will help enhance the skills of our clinicians and ensure Tasmanian palliative care maintains a best practice approach to end of life care.

Commence consultation with the Southern Midlands Council and the local Community Advisory Committee regarding the major upgrade of the Midlands Multi Purpose Centre.

The Midlands upgrade will deliver a range of improvements for patient care, with works to provide for a better layout, more privacy and increased space.

Commence planning to provide better accommodation for health professionals on Flinders Island.

This initiative includes the purchase of new property, as well as refurbishments. It is important that health professionals working in rural and regional locations in Tasmania are supported.

Begin planning at the North West Regional Hospital for a new 8-bed inpatient ward.

These new beds will help put downward pressure on Emergency Department waiting times and improve elective surgery throughput.

Begin consultation with clinicians about the right model of care and staffing for a range of new services at the Mersey Community Hospital, including the establishment of a full Rehabilitation Ward, dedicated palliative care rooms, and a greater range of outpatient services.

This will be the first investment of recurrent state funding in the Mersey since the Federal takeover in 2007, and is on top of the record \$730 million ten-year funding deal secured by the Government in its first term.

Begin planning to establish and staff Tasmania's first integrated medical and search helicopter service, with dedicated flight paramedics and specialist retrieval doctors.

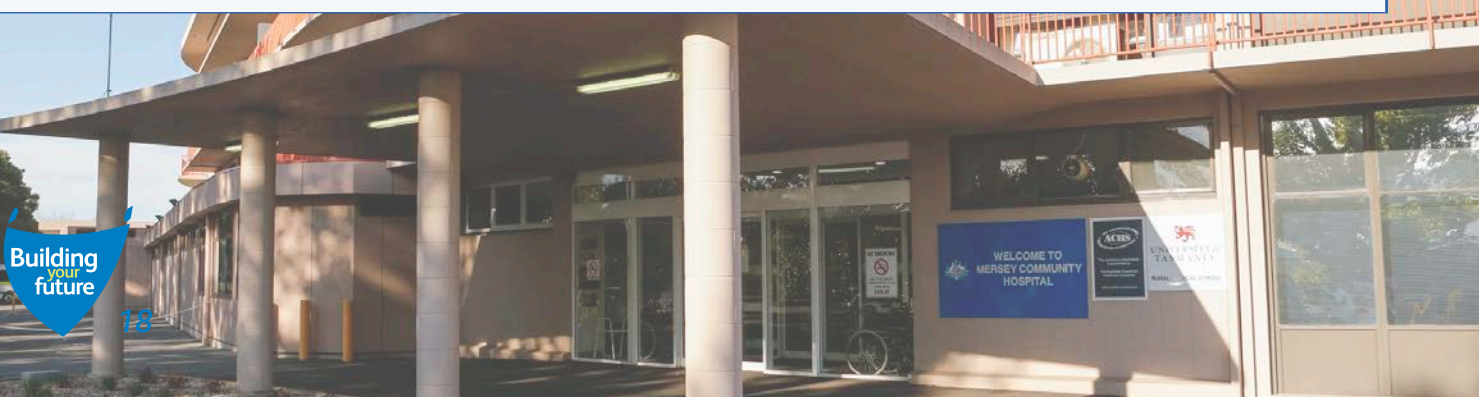
This new service will allow for quicker response times and ensure patients start to receive high acuity care from the moment the helicopter lands, rather than having to wait until they arrive in hospital.

Commence recruitment to boost staffing in the Ambulance Tasmania State Operations Centre by an additional six full-time staff.

The State Operations Centre is integral to all aspects of ambulance service delivery, with responsibility for coordination of emergency pre-hospital care and transport, and patient escort services. These staff will help to meet growing demand, and are in addition to a staffing increase of five last year.

Ensure TasTAFE receives a minimum of 70% of the State's training budget.

The Government is committed to ensuring TasTAFE's ongoing success in a contemporary training market.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Establish a Clinical Planning Taskforce, led by DHHS, to determine the clinical mix of the new 250 beds at the Royal Hobart Hospital, update the Master Plan for the Royal Hobart Hospital health precinct, and examine the potential future uses for the J-block inpatient building.

The Taskforce will lead planning for the models of care and clinical planning for the new hospital beds, the potential future uses for the J-block Inpatient building and update the Royal Hobart Hospital Master Plan.

Establish the Health Recruitment, Retention and Workforce Planning to develop a 20-year Future Health Workforce Plan, to support the roll-out of more than 300 hospital and community beds, and other services, across Tasmania.

Tasmania will have a specific, dedicated unit to progress strategies around recruitment, retention and workforce planning for the first time ever, bringing the State into line with other jurisdictions and enabling better planning for the State's health workforce.

Meet key educational stakeholders and the University of Tasmania to commence work on a plan for the recruitment of 250 additional teachers over six years, and commence the new Workforce Strategy in Education.

The Government's targeted investment in education, and the resources required to support it, will ensure Tasmania has a job ready generation of young people with the skills to participate in a modern economy.

Determine the first round of recruitment and location of 42 additional paramedics to improve ambulance response in regional areas.

This investment will be one of the largest paramedic recruitment drives in Tasmania's history, helping to reduce paramedic fatigue, increase ambulance responsiveness in regional areas, and reduce overtime costs.

Commence work on construction of 10 new Mental Health beds at Mistral Place, adjacent to the Royal Hobart Hospital, together with relocation of staff from existing facility.

This \$16.6 million investment will deliver 10 additional beds to support more Tasmanians living with mental ill health and help to reduce pressure on the Royal Hobart Hospital.

Begin planning at the LGH for a new Women and Children's Precinct on top of the proposed Ward 4K project; the broader LGH redevelopment including a new 32 bed inpatient ward; a co-located private hospital (following advice from the Coordinator-General; additional car parking; and the next stage of the LGH Masterplan and adjacent health facilities for the next 50 years.

The Government is investing \$160 million to support better health services in the North. Once completed, the Launceston General Hospital will have more bed capacity, better psychiatric services for young patients and their families and carers, as well as better facilities for Women's and Children's Clinics.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Commence the assessment and prioritisation of new investment in regional hospitals and upgrades of rural and regional ambulance stations.

The Government is investing \$15 million in better facilities for staff and patients at our rural hospitals, and regional and rural ambulance stations. The final allocation of funding will be based on areas with the greatest need, with works to be planned with local councils to ensure the community are provided with the facilities they need and deserve.

Clinical Planning Taskforce to begin planning for the 250 new beds at the Royal Hobart Hospital.

The Taskforce will lead clinical planning for the models of care for the new hospital beds, including the commissioning of services and timeframes.

Commence recruitment for additional graduate nurses.

The Government's investment in additional graduate nurses builds on the expanded graduate program introduced in 2014, where transition to practice placements increased every year. This means more opportunities for local graduates and more nurses to support the delivery of health services in Tasmania. Placements will be at public hospitals around Tasmania, including rural and regional sites.

Open 22 new beds at the Repatriation Hospital.

These new beds will take pressure of the Royal Hobart Hospital by providing more bed capacity and helping to improve patient flow.

Work with the Butterfly Foundation to determine service model and roles and responsibilities for the Eating Disorders Peer Works Partnership.

Services and support for Tasmanians living with eating disorders will be boosted by these new peer workers, who will provide support to adolescents and adults, as well as their families and loved ones.

Undertake 9th floor slab concrete pour at the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment.

Progressing the \$689 million Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment will enable us to take health care in Tasmania to the next level, benefiting generations of Tasmanians to come.

Work with the Mental Health Council of Tasmania to support the development of a Mental Health Peer Workforce Strategy.

The Tasmanian Peer Workforce Strategy will provide the overarching framework to ensure Tasmania's mental health and suicide prevention peer workforce is supported into the future, ensuring optimal outcomes for consumers, peer workers and services.

Commence a comprehensive review of the Mental Health Act.

The *Mental Health Act 2013* was amended in 2016, however under Section 229 of the Act, it requires a broader review process to be undertaken by 2020. The Government is keen to ensure the Act is functioning as effectively as possible, while meeting the needs of consumers, carers and mental health professionals.



Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Determine new service model for Rural Alive & Well to provide better outreach support, particularly focusing on older Tasmanians who are experiencing mental health concerns in regional areas.

RAW has been a key support for Tasmanian rural communities for many years. This funding will assist RAW to provide better outreach support focused on older Tasmanians who experience mental health concerns in regional areas.

Commence consultation with the Hobart City Council on the retention of J-block.

Retaining the \$22 million, 54-bed J-block inpatient facility on Liverpool Street beyond the completion of the RHH redevelopment will ensure there is more capacity available at the RHH. Once Council approval is obtained, the Government will work with staff and stakeholders to determine the best future use of the facility.

Release the Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania Strategic Framework.

The updated strategic framework in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania supports the vital work they do right across the State to build safer, stronger communities.

Conduct consultation sessions for Stage II of the Affordable Housing Action Plan.

The Affordable Housing Strategy Stage II Action Plan will provide for an additional 1500 new affordable homes for Tasmanians, and assist around 2000 households.

Deliver suicide prevention training for frontline staff.

The Government has a strong commitment to supporting staff to deliver the best possible care to vulnerable Tasmanians – particularly for those dealing in mental health and suicide prevention.

Completion of works at Somerset Elderly Units under the Governments Affordable Housing Action Plan (Stage I).

The Government remains on track to deliver Stage I outcomes and this project will deliver six independent living units for social housing, with a mix of two and three bedrooms at Somerset.

Commence the recruitment of the first tranche of 250 additional teachers.

The Government is committed to improving education in Tasmania, including working collaboratively with education workforce stakeholders on putting 250 teachers in our classrooms in 6 years.

Provide funding for Bravehearts to deliver their education program in schools to teach children about personal safety, and reduce child sexual violence.

The Government is committed to protecting children from child sexual abuse. Bravehearts has developed an excellent child safety awareness program that assists parents and teachers to support children to develop protective behaviours.

Begin the revitalisation of school farms through the recruitment of 10 FTE school farm teachers.

Resourcing our school farms around the State to ensure world-class instruction for students and access to current, up-to-date technologies and farming methodologies.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Begin planning for the construction of six Early Learning Hubs to be built in the Sorell, Kingborough, Glenorchy, East Tamar, West Ulverstone and Waratah-Wynyard communities.

Early learning hubs will provide a one-stop shop for services to families in the early years of a child's life, and include early childhood education and care facilities in partnership with the Early Childhood Education and Care sector, and birth to grade 2 educational facilities, all co-located on a school site.

Consult with stakeholders on a review of school levies.

A review of school levies will ensure fairness and equity across the State in the allocation of levies.

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of school farm facilities at Sheffield and Jordan River Learning Federation.

The Government's \$16.1 million investment into school farms will provide clear education pathways in our schools to science-based careers that support our world-class primary industries sector.

Begin consultation and planning with key stakeholders as part of the \$10 million investment in a new Indoor Multi-Sports Facility in Glenorchy.

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Begin planning for extended Drysdale delivery sites.

Drysdale plays a critical role in supporting tourism and hospitality skills in Tasmania. The \$2 million investment for a Drysdale delivery point in Hobart's northern suburbs and \$1.5 million Drysdale training kitchen within the Devonport Living City facility will improve options for students and engagement with industry.

Commence roll-out of contemporary library resources.

Libraries Tasmania will invest \$3 million over 4 years in new resources that will improve the overall visitor experience and offer resources in critical skills areas. This will include support for digital literacy, access to new technology, and enhancements to the online and physical collections.

Prioritise mental health of young people in schools by extending the SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY program.

The Government's \$1 million commitment prioritises the mental health of young people. SPEAK UP! Stay ChatTY in schools is grounded in evidence and shows that raising awareness and promoting resilience in young people can lead to positive mental health outcomes.

Deliver increased "peak" funding to support community groups right around Tasmania

Peak community bodies represent the majority of Tasmania's population and deliver vital representation and advocacy. New or increased funding will commence to support the Youth Network of Tasmania, the Council of the Ageing, Volunteering Tasmania, the Multicultural Council of Tasmania, Carers Tasmania, the Tasmanian Men's Shed Association, and the RSL (Tasmania Branch).

Launch the Financial Security for Women Action Plan.

Women in general earn less than men, and often work less due to family commitments, meaning less ability to save for their future. The Action Plan, as part of our Tasmanian Women's Strategy, will help guide and encourage financial independence for Tasmanian women, with information on how to plan for the future.

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Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need *cont.*

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Extend the National Disability Insurance Scheme to more participants, with Tasmanian adults aged between 35 and 49, and children aged 0 to 3 years, eligible from 1 July 2018.

The NDIS gives Tasmanians with disability, and their families and carers, greater choice and control of their own support. The Government is investing \$750 million to fund the NDIS over the next four years.

Deliver \$100,000 in funding for the upgrade of the Flinders Island Sports and RSL Club at Whitemark.

The Club is a local community hub, and the Government's funding will improve existing facilities and develop new tennis courts for the benefit of the health of the local community.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Determine new training structure and employment processes for management and training coordination positions for our Volunteer Ambulance Officers.

The Government's \$800,000 per annum Volunteer Support Package provides greater reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses, more training, more support, enhanced equipment for training and formal recognition of skills developed, to increase volunteer recruitment and retention in rural communities.

Determine preferred option for secondary triage model.

Secondary triage recognises that not everyone who calls for an ambulance requires emergency care, but many do have a medical need. Secondary triage will connect Tasmanians to the right care, and the right place. This will help keep ambulance resources for emergencies.

Finalise the internal wall installation in K-block at the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment, excluding areas used for builder amenities and storage.

Progressing the \$689 million Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment will enable us to take health care in Tasmania to the next level, benefiting generations of Tasmanians.

Introduce Smart Stretchers and new resuscitation mannequins across Ambulance Tasmania.

The Government is investing \$1.1 million into new equipment to support patient safety and reduce secondary injury, and ensure paramedics have access to the best resources for their skills development.

Finalise study into Urgent Care Centres in the Greater Hobart and Launceston areas.

Under similar models operating interstate and overseas, specialist GPs supported by hospital specialists, provide care in the community, taking pressure off Emergency Departments and getting people treated sooner and closer to where they live.

Commence recruitment of staff for new Community Rapid Response (Hospital in the Home) services.

This highly successful service will deliver care for hundreds of Tasmanians with chronic disease, saving patients and families countless trips to hospital each year and reducing demand on inpatient services.

Commence work with Community Transport Services Tasmania to deliver better patient transport on Flinders Island.

The Government will fund a two-year pilot partnership program to extend transport operations on Flinders Island. The partnership is expected to provide 3000 trips over the course of the trial, helping connect local residents to both medical and social appointments.

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Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Design a needs-based funding model for students with disability to test in 2018-19.

The Government committed \$250,000 to design a needs-based funding model to better provide for the individual needs of students, after listening to parents, educators, specialists and disability advocates who requested a change to the disability funding model.

Recruit the new Superintendent of Volunteer Support for Ambulance Tasmania.

This position is a key component of the Government's package to increase volunteer recruitment and retention, which will help improve the response to patients, especially in rural communities.

Launch the latest Community Innovation Grants round under the Healthy Tasmania plan.

These grants are an important part of the Healthy Tasmania Five-year Strategic Plan, the Government's approach to helping people enjoy better health and happier, longer lives. The grants will help communities develop partnerships with health providers, local government, not-for-profits and commercial enterprises and businesses.

Commence new Autism Support classes in high schools in the North and North-West.

The Government will maintain successful autism-specific support classes for primary students in the North, South and North-West, and high school students in the South. We will extend the program to high school students in the North and North-West in consultation with school communities.

Early Years Hub Project Team in place, and first Local Hub Community meetings held in each region.

Early learning hubs will provide a one-stop shop for services to families in the early years of a child's life, and include early childhood education and care facilities in partnership with the Early Childhood Education and Care sector, and birth to grade 2 educational facilities, all co-located on a school site.

Open Expressions of Interest process for remaining high schools to extend to Year 12 in 2020.

It is important that the Government continues extending Tasmanian Government high schools to Year 12 to ensure all young people can complete their education to Year 12.

Tasmania Prison Service mother and baby unit beds to begin coming online.

The mother and baby unit will provide a safe and specially-designed environment for new mothers, pregnant women and new-born babies. These new facilities will also increase the overall operational capacity of the prison, which is in line with our strong record of investment into prison infrastructure.

Complete evaluation on the Lead Support Coordination trial for the Joined Up Human Services project.

The Joined Up project is a new way of thinking in Tasmania that works to shift entrenched poverty. The aim is to make it easier for people needing support by helping them to navigate services and ensure their care is individualised.

Commence roll-out of Chatter Matters pilot prison program with the Tasmania Prison Service.

The program will help improve literacy, support positive interpersonal interaction and communication skills, and teach participants skills for developing secure attachment with their children. It will assist prisoners to form vital bonds with family and successfully rehabilitate. It will also provide training to prison staff to assist their interaction with prisoners.

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Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Completion of the new Health Centre at Kingston which has been supported with \$6.5 million of funding by the State Government.

Once opened, the new Kingston Health Centre will provide a range of complex health services in the community for people to safely access services closer to home. This will help reduce the need for admission to hospital and strengthen the availability of community-based health services.

Commence consultation of the new ante-natal clinic at the North-West Regional Hospital.

The Government is investing \$2 million to build a purpose-built antenatal clinic at the NWRH, as part of the Integrated North-West Birthing Service. This will provide a state-of-the-art facility to better support mums, babies and the dedicated staff that operate the service.

Recruitment of the first round of 42 additional regional paramedics.

This investment will be one of the largest paramedic recruitment drives in Tasmania's history, helping to reduce paramedic fatigue, increase ambulance responsiveness in regional areas, and reduce overtime costs.

Begin procurement process for the site of the new Burnie and Glenorchy Ambulance Superstations.

These new stations will provide significant improvements to current facilities for our hardworking paramedics, including better staff meeting facilities, enhanced parking and disability access.

Release the inaugural small grants for security upgrades of Neighbourhood Houses Tasmania.

Neighbourhood Houses are based in some of our most disadvantaged communities and are not immune from vandalism, arson or aggression. The Government's \$75,000 per annum grant fund will improve security at Neighbourhood Houses for the safety of staff, volunteers and visitors.

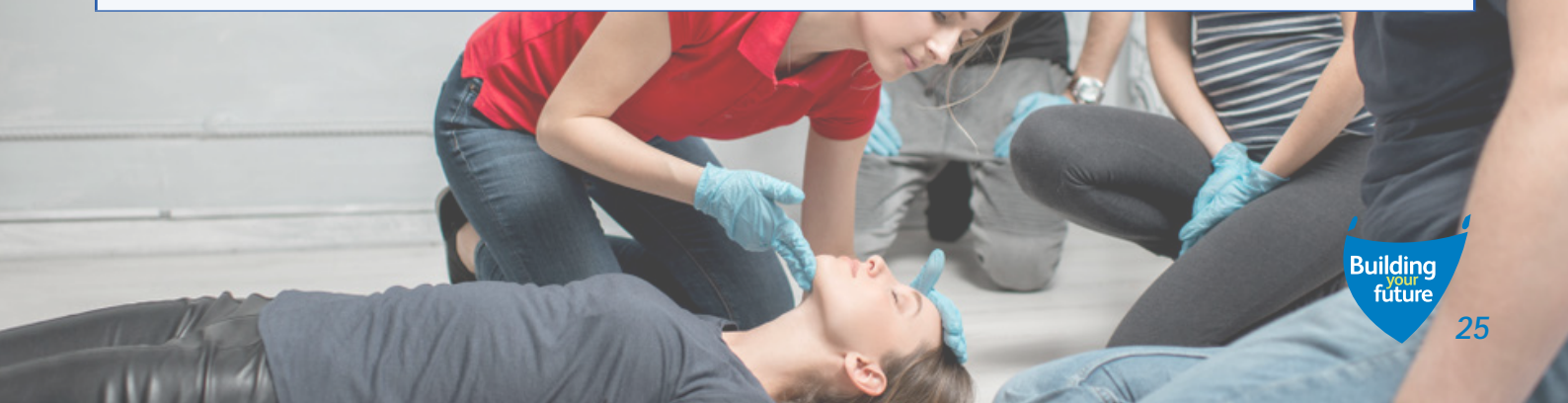
QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Launch the Tasmanian Community Health Fund, to provide grant funding to individuals and groups with ideas to improve the health of their community.

The Government will provide \$6.6 million to establish the Fund, with a broad scope for funding for projects that enhance the health of the local community, such as first aid training, purchase of medical equipment, as well as preventive health measures.

Begin preparation for construction of the Smithton Ambulance Training facility upgrade.

The Government will invest \$1.1 million to provide a dedicated training room and new two-bedroom unit to support the Smithton Ambulance Station. This will provide a better environment for volunteers and paramedics, with dedicated quarters for relief staff.



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Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Review the benefits of the new Glenorchy Health Centre.

The \$21 million Glenorchy Health Centre hosts a range of community-based primary care services, including physiotherapy, oral health and ambulatory care. It also includes various visiting services and a bookable community space.

Release the Affordable Housing Action Plan Stage II for an additional 1500 new affordable houses and assistance for around 2000 households.

The Affordable Housing Plan Stage II is the largest investment into affordable housing in Tasmania's history, with an additional \$125 million over five years. Together with Stage I, it brings total investment to over \$200 million, and the total number of new affordable homes to 2400, with around 3600 households assisted.

Begin development of the 2019 winter health and hospitals plan.

Tasmanian health agencies will commence work to deliver a comprehensive Winter Plan to ensure health services and the community are fully prepared for the 2019 flu season. The Plan will include hospital bed capacity planning and workforce management strategies to deliver the best health care.

Extend Penguin District High, Parklands High, Kings Meadows High, Winnaleah District High and Prospect High to Years 12 in 2019.

The Government is investing up to \$30.5 million over four years to extend every Tasmanian High School to Year 12, by 2022. A good education is the best chance to get ahead in life, and we want to ensure every Tasmanian student, no matter where they live, has the best opportunities to complete their education to year 12. Colleges will remain open as part of this initiative, with students having a choice of attending College or their local school.

Commence development of a funding agreement with the Salvation Army to continue operating 12 drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds at Ulverstone from June 2019.

Funding is provided to the Salvation Army to continue operating 12 drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds at Ulverstone for a further three years, after the current agreement expires, to 2022. This funding gives certainty to the services, securing the availability of drug and alcohol services on the North-West.

Complete ground floor fit-out of K-block at the Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment, excluding the commercial lease tenant.

Progressing the \$689 million Royal Hobart Hospital redevelopment will enable us to take health care in Tasmania to the next level, benefiting generations of Tasmanians.

Implement the extension of the Strahan to Burnie (return) bus service, seven days a week.

The Government's new bus service for the West Coast of two days a week will extend to seven days a week, providing the first daily bus service from Queenstown and Strahan to Burnie, linking through to Devonport and Latrobe.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Investing in Health, Education & Tasmanians in Need cont.

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Commence delivery of better bus services for regional centres in southern Tasmania, including a doubling of bus services between Sorell, Midway Point and Hobart, and better bus services for New Norfolk and the Huon, commencing in early 2019.

Many Tasmanians are making the lifestyle choice to raise their families in commuter towns surrounding Hobart. The Government is investing in new public transport to reduce traffic congestion and support Tasmanians living in outer Hobart areas, doubling bus services in many areas, increasing weekend services and introducing a common ticketing system for all public passenger transport.

Finalise the design work for the new \$10 million indoor Multi-Purpose Sports facility at Glenorchy.

We will deliver a new, next-generation indoor multi-sports facility in Glenorchy for sports such as basketball, netball, gymnastics, volleyball and martial arts. The design, location and use will be determined through extensive consultation process.

Extend the National Disability Insurance Scheme to include all eligible participants, with Tasmanian adults aged between 50 and 64 eligible from 1 January 2019.

The NDIS gives Tasmanians with disability, and their families and carers, greater choice and control of their own support. The Government is investing \$750 million to fund the NDIS over the next four years.

Complete the new \$12.1 million St Helens District Hospital.

The existing hospital has suffered from continual flooding events. The new hospital is being built on a new site, just a few minutes away, and features 10 inpatient beds, four emergency bays, four consultation rooms, two physiotherapy rooms, as well as three separate rooms for education/training, community nursing/treatment and community activities.

Opening of the rehabilitation clinic at the Mersey Community Hospital.

Once completed, rehabilitation services will be provided out of the brand new clinic at the Mersey. This will mean better facilities and more long-term support for North-West patients who are recovering from major surgery or have suffered an acute condition.

Commence the review of the Aboriginal Heritage Act.

The review of the Act will provide for full consultation on the operation of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1976* and will guide future legislation.

Finalise funding for the \$3 million investment in Scottsdale's sports facilities, including the Scottsdale Swimming Pool and the Scottsdale Netball Courts.

The Government is committed to having the healthiest population in Australia by 2025. Investing in the facilities needed to encourage physical activity is imperative to making this target a reality.

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Keeping Tasmanians Safe

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Introduce new laws to ban the wearing of colours by Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs.

OMCGs are involved in violence, drugs, firearms and other crime. They are criminal organisations with business models designed to profit from illegal activities, particularly illicit drugs. Colours are often used to intimidate, influence, recruit, promote and mark out territory and that's why this ban is required.

Release a four-year Police Academy recruitment schedule, in order to recruit 125 more frontline police officers over four years.

The Government is forging ahead with its commitment to boost police numbers by recruiting an additional 125 officers to keep Tasmanians safe. The four-year Police Academy recruitment schedule starts this year with the first intake in May and the second in September this year. There will be a further two intakes in April and July 2019, and three intakes each in 2020 and 2021.

Re-introduce legislation to ensure guaranteed prison time for serious child sex offenders.

Sexual offences against children are particularly heinous. It is imperative that the sentences imposed by the courts in relation to this type of offence are commensurate with the gravity of the crime committed and reflect the strong condemnation felt by the Tasmanian community.

Commence drafting legislation to amend the Workplaces (Protection from Protesters) Act to support the rights of workers.

The Government is committed to ensuring Tasmanians can go to work and run their business in a safe manner, free from interference and disruption. It is a fundamental right for Tasmanians to be able to go about their lawful work without the threat of being intentionally shut down and their business harmed.

Commence the comprehensive cross-agency evaluation of the Family Violence Action Plan to inform the next five-year Plan, beginning July 2019.

The Government's nation-leading Family Violence Action Plan commenced in 2015. The wide-ranging evaluation will see what's working, and what needs improving or better targeting, to ensure a comprehensive way forward for the next five-year Action Plan

Reintroduce legislation for mandatory sentencing for serious assaults on off-duty police officers.

The Government maintains its view that off-duty police officers should have the same protection that exists for on-duty police officers, as there are no circumstances at all in which police officers should be targeted and assaulted because of their job.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Introduce laws to restrict bail and parole for people with terrorist links.

The community rightly expects bail and parole to be granted only when there is minimal risk to the community. It is not a right, and there should be no expectation against early release for anyone considered particularly dangerous (such as terrorist offenders).

Consult on new laws to further strengthen family violence legislation. This reflects our commitment to create a nation-leading new offence targeting persistent family violence offenders.



Family violence victims can spend months and even years under the control of a violent, abusive partner, and can be the victim of a range of offences ranging from emotional and economic abuse to serious sexual assaults. This new offence will allow Courts to take into account the full extent of an abusive relationship.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Keeping Tasmanians Safe cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Introduce laws to amend Tasmania's unexplained wealth legislation.

These laws play an important role in disrupting crime in Tasmania. Our amendments will improve the existing laws so as to allow police and the DPP to better target those who benefit from the proceeds of crime.

Re-introduce laws to remove remission for prisoners in Tasmania.

Currently, prisoners can be released up to three months before the date handed down by the Court. Remission is an outdated practice and out of step with other Australian jurisdictions.

Undertake a project to identify future capability requirements for a next generation Tasmania Police Service, including special operations and drug detection services.

The Government will ensure that the investigative capability and capacity of Tasmania Police is appropriately equipped, trained and structured to meet future requirements. This will be a continuous focus to ensure that police numbers are relevant and appropriate under all current circumstances.

Commence planning for a new \$5 million Police Station at New Norfolk, \$5 million Longford Police Station and \$12 million Emergency Services Hub in Sorell.

These stations are aged and do not have the space or required facilities for current policing activities. The Government is ensuring that police have the capacity, space and security requirements to respond to the community's safety and public order needs.

Reconvene the Administration of Justice forums.

Issues facing the Tasmanian justice system are complex in nature, and require a strategic response. These forums bring together key stakeholders to ensure all parties are taking a coordinated approach.

Remove Police from court security duties in the north of the State.

The Government will deliver our promise to remove police from Launceston Court duties and put them back on the beat. Correctional officers are presently in training and on track to start these duties, as promised.

Commence two new recruit courses as part of the Government's four-year police recruitment schedule.

The Government will continue to increase the numbers of sworn Police Officers by a further 125 new Police Officers over the next term of government, with the majority to work in frontline duties, at first-response main police stations, and in regional and rural stations around Tasmania.

Introduce legislation for body-worn cameras for Police, to improve safety for police and the community.

The Government's \$3.4 million commitment to roll-out body-worn cameras to all frontline police officers will improve safety for both police and the community, and potentially reduce the incidence of assaults on police. The video from these cameras is important in responding to family violence incidents, avoiding the necessity for victims to give evidence in court.

Increase funding over three years to the RACT and the Bicycle Network to grow participation in road safety education programs.

This will improve road safety for children, cyclists and older drivers for programs such as Ride2School, driver education for Years 10-12 students, Years Ahead and CarFit aimed at helping drivers choose a more suitable vehicle to their needs.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Keeping Tasmanians Safe cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Support the Learner Driver Mentor Program with further funding.

Supporting disadvantaged learner driver's entry into the licensing system, and to open up greater work and education opportunities for young Tasmanians.

Fund the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness (RYDA) program over four years.

Focused on 16 to 25 year olds, the program raises awareness of the responsibilities of being a driver or passenger and offers correct attitudinal approaches to driving.

Through Motorcycle Tas., provide \$160,000 over four years for education programs.

The program will see funding distributed to affiliated clubs to target educating young riders, as well as pay for public liability and licensing fees.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Introduce legislation to amend the Security and Investigation Agents Act 2002 to crack down on shoplifting.

The legislation will allow retailers, large or small, to make a condition of entry that customer bags can be physically inspected (currently retailers must employ a licensed security guard if they want to search a customer's bag while inside their business premises).

Commence consultation with stakeholders as part of the development of the State's first Sexual Violence Action Plan.

The Government has committed \$200,000 to comprehensively research and develop a whole of government Action Plan against Sexual Violence, including a review of multi-disciplinary models operating across Australia.

Roll-out equipment upgrades for volunteer Tasmania Fire Service and State Emergency Service units.

In being our support and defence in times of emergency, it is vital that our emergency volunteers have access to appropriate and updated equipment and the opportunity to access funds to upgrade equipment where needed.

Commence the development of the Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy 2018-2021.

The Government has committed \$150,000 per annum over the next three years to continue the whole of Government Elder Abuse Prevention Strategy, aimed at preventing and raising awareness of this issue.

Complete the roll-out of body worn cameras to frontline police officers.

The Government's \$3.4 million commitment to roll-out body-worn cameras to all frontline police officers will improve safety for both police and the community, and potentially reduce the incidence of assaults on police. The video from these cameras is important in responding to family violence incidents, avoiding the necessity for victims to give evidence in court.

Introduce new laws to replace the Justices Act 1959.

The new legislation will establish a new and modern statutory framework for the criminal and general division of Tasmania's Magistrates Court.

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Keeping Tasmanians Safe *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Roll out adult vulnerable people checks.

As part of the next stage of Registration to Work with Vulnerable People Scheme, people working with vulnerable adults will need to be registered.

Commence the \$2 million loan scheme to provide small retailers no-interest loans to install high-quality CCTV.

The Government is cracking down on shop-lifting by making it easier for retailers to ban entry to shops, inspect customer bags and through the installation of loans for high-quality CCTV for detection and prosecution.

Begin the roll-out of Electronic Monitoring and Home Detention as alternatives to suspended sentences.

As part of the Government's policy to progressively phase out the use of suspended sentences, we have been working to implement the introduction of alternative sentencing options, including home detention and electronic monitoring.

Commence planning for a range of state-wide programs to make cycling safer for cyclists and pedestrians.

By supporting the introduction of programs and the upgrade of cycling infrastructure, we will encourage more Tasmanians to live healthy, active lives.

Commence detailed design for the capital improvements at the Ashley Youth Detention Centre.

The Government's \$7.28 million investment into a major redesign and upgrade of the facility, will ensure the Centre is fit for purpose and part of a modern, integrated statewide therapeutic youth justice model.

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Invite tenders for the upgraded Burnie Court Complex.

About 50,000 Tasmanians rely on access to the Court in Burnie each year alone, but the court complex is outdated and not fit for purpose. Government investment of \$15 million will improve safety and amenity well into the future.

Commence site work on the Southern Remand Centre.

Tasmania has not been immune from national trends of increasing prisoner numbers, including a significant increase in remandees. The new Southern facility, on the Risdon Prison site, will accommodate this growing cohort and keep them separate from sentenced prisoners.

Identify site for the new Northern Prison.

A new 270-bed prison in the State's north will accommodate a larger prisoner population and increase the rehabilitation prospects of prisoners from the north. It also represents a huge capital investment that will create significant jobs.

Upgrade the Graduated Driver Licensing Scheme to assist learner drivers.

It will better protect the safety of our young drivers, as well as improve the driver licensing pathway for them to obtain their provisional driver licence.

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Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Begin planning for the \$10.5 million Stage 2 of the King Island Hospital redevelopment, with the project to go to tender and commence in 2018-19.

These significant works will include palliative care and associated family rooms, acute care and observation areas, improved emergency and after-hours access and a kitchen upgrade. The redevelopment will also include construction of dedicated housing for nurses working and living on King Island, to improve recruitment and retention.

Commence Masterplan for the Bridport foreshore to support new infrastructure.

The community-led Masterplan for the Bridport foreshore will support the growing number of recreational fishers, boaters and beach goers, providing better access and improved amenity with a new pier, including pontoon access, boat ramps, parking and improved access to the working port.

Start the development of the business case for Tranche 3 Irrigation Schemes for Federal funding, to complement the Liberals' \$70 million investment, building on the current project feasibility studies.

Tasmanian irrigation is a national success story. The Tranche 3 program will add high reliability water boosting production of dairy, intensive livestock, broadacre crops like poppies, seeds and cereals, and vegetables, as well as high value fruit and wine grapes.

Begin planning for the construction of the new \$9.2 million rebuilt Peacock Centre for mental health services/beds, to open in 2020.

The rebuilt Peacock Centre will provide 15 additional mental health beds for safe, supportive "step down" care post-hospitalisation or "step up" care for those whose condition has escalated to avoid hospitalisation, as well as community mental health services.

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of the \$20 million redeveloped Penguin District School as a K-12 school.

The Government will continue to invest in schools to provide Tasmanian students with access to high quality modern learning environments that support 21st century learning practices.

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of the \$22 million rebuild of the Sorell School as a K-12 school.

A redeveloped Sorell School will ensure students have access to modern learning environments that will provide them with the best educational opportunities and drive improvements in achievements.

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of a new primary school at Legana.

Legana has been identified in the top 10 areas of Tasmania with the fastest population growth. The new primary school will cater for 350 students.

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of the \$20 million rebuild of Cosgrove High School to year 12.

This redevelopment will include state-of-the-art learning facilities that cater specifically for Year 11 and 12 students, as well as giving students the best opportunity to complete their TCE and improve their future study and job prospects.

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Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century cont.

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Begin consultation and planning for the tender and construction of the new 7-12 Brighton School.

A new Year 7 to 12 High School in Brighton will be built to meet the growing demand in the region and encourage more Tasmanian students to complete Years 11 and 12.

Commence planning for air conditioning upgrades at all major public hospitals.

This important investment will ensure patients, visitors and staff are more comfortable in both summer and winter. The schedule of works will be determined by local hospital management to ensure the worst affected areas are fixed first, while ensuring hospital operations are not disrupted.

Commence design for the construction of the \$5 million widening of the West Tamar Highway.

Projects include providing shoulder widening and improved surfaces for cyclists to the Legana roundabout and road widening north of the Batman Highway intersection to Lightwood Hills Road.

Commence design for upgrades on the West Tamar Highway.

Upgrades including a left-turn acceleration lane for traffic entering the West Tamar Highway from Motor Road, the main access road for Deviot.

Finalise road exchange with the Launceston City Council to take over key roads in Launceston, and begin planning for expanded capacity for Charles Street Bridge.

The agreement will allow the State Government to take a holistic regional view of traffic flow to benefit all road users travelling through the city. The bridge expansion will be determined by expert engineering advice.

Finalise funding agreement to enable the West Coast Council to commence the expansion of the Macquarie Heads campground.

Government funding of \$200,000 will enable the West Coast Council to improve infrastructure at the Macquarie Heads campground, adding further camping spots, while ensuring existing structures meet health and building standards.

Complete negotiations with the Federal Government for the next round of the Infrastructure Investment Program to include the Bridgewater Bridge commencement.

The current Bridge is reaching the end of its serviceable life and is a bottleneck on the key North/South traffic and freight route, which is why it is on Infrastructure Australia's Priority List. A business case to fund its replacement has been submitted to Infrastructure Australia.

Formally declare Macquarie and Davey Streets as State roads to take them over from the Hobart City Council.

This will enable better management of Davey and Macquarie Streets to improve traffic flow through the Hobart CBD and the investment of \$16 million in practical measures such as clearways to cut travel times.

Commence public consultation on the Master Plan for the Nut at Stanley.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and Reserves, including \$450,000 to improve visitor infrastructure at the Nut to support visitors and protect our natural assets for future generations.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century *cont.*

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Finalise project plans for science laboratory upgrades for Hellyer College and Launceston College.

This investment will ensure students at Hellyer and Launceston Colleges have access to modern, state-of-the-art science facilities.

Release the tender for Illawarra Primary School – \$2.9 million construction of additional learning and support areas, and refurbishment of existing classrooms.

The Government has a clear goal to improve education outcomes and provide students access to modern and inspiring learning spaces.

Release the \$4.3 million tender for a major redevelopment of the Southern Support School.

Tasmania's education infrastructure should match our goal to reach our targets and improve education outcomes for all Tasmanian students.

Release the tender for Taroona High School for the redevelopment of contemporary learning environments, including music and drama facilities.

The Government's education infrastructure commitment will ensure Tasmanian students have access to modern, state-of-the-art schools.

Officially open the \$3 million Lenah Valley Primary School new general learning areas and staff and support rooms.

The Government is committed to providing students with access to modern learning facilities.

Complete \$4 million capital works at Tasman District High School – a major redevelopment to provide contemporary learning environments.

The investment will ensure students at Tasman District High School have access to contemporary, flexible learning spaces.

Officially open the \$1.8 million Somerset Primary School new general learning areas, support space and amenities.

The Government is committed to providing students with access to modern learning facilities and driving improvements in student achievements.

Release draft regulatory framework for on-demand passenger transport sector for public consultation.

This will give Tasmanians greater flexibility in choosing a method of travel, but also allow those in the industry to operate from a level playing field.

Commence public consultation on the Master Plan for Cockle Creek.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and Reserves, including \$800,000 to improve the southern gateway to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century cont.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Complete new toilet facilities and upgraded car park at Cape Raoul.

The Government has invested \$4 million to upgrade the Cape Raoul track and complete the Three Capes Track walking experience. The upgraded car park and new toilet facilities will cater for the increasing number of visitors.

Commence construction of the new Orange Bellied Parrot Breeding facility at Five Mile Beach.

The Government is investing up to \$2.5 million to build a new purpose-built breeding facility at Five Mile Beach to help save this critically-endangered bird.

Commence construction of the first stage of the Richmond Road upgrades.

The Richmond Road is a busy commuter and tourism route that needs to be upgraded to support increased traffic as a result of our growing economy. The first stage will provide wider lanes, sealed shoulders, junction upgrades, road alignment improvements and lay-by areas for slow vehicles to pull over.

Award the contract for the Perth Links project on the Midland Highway.

Successful completion of the Perth Links project will deliver an AusRap 3-star safety rating over a 30km section of the Midland Highway between Symmons Plains and Launceston. This will improve road safety, decrease transit times and reduce driver frustration by providing a safer road with more overtaking opportunities.

Commence planning for the Tasman Highway at Tasmania Golf Club improvements, Midway Point intersection solution and the Sorell Southern Bypass.

The economy is growing and nowhere more so than in Sorell, the Southern Beaches and the greater South-East region. To support the enviable lifestyle the region offers, the Government is prioritising infrastructure projects to reduce commute times to Hobart through a more efficient and safer road network.

Release the Government's Infrastructure Pipeline, providing a blueprint of future state-wide significant infrastructure investment to support our growing economy.

Our economy is now growing strongly. Building on the solid platform of the last four years, the Government will set out its long-term program of significant infrastructure investment. This will give investors, businesses and the construction industry the confidence to commit resources and employ more Tasmanians.

Complete the Huon Highway Summerleas Road intersection upgrade.

The Summerleas Road intersection has a history of crashes due to cross traffic intersecting with a busy highway. The upgraded intersection improves safety and reduces transit times on this key transport corridor.

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Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Commence planning for dedicated training facilities and new two-bedroom unit to support the Smithton Ambulance Station.

The Government is investing \$1.1 million to better support paramedics and volunteers, with dedicated quarters for relief staff at Smithton. This will provide a better environment for volunteers and paramedics.

Commence works at Ben Lomond to upgrade the shuttle bus car park below Jacobs Ladder.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and reserves, including \$400,000 to upgrade the shuttle bus car park below Jacobs Ladder, to support visitors to our parks and protect our natural assets for future generations.

Finalise the Rail Access Framework to ensure that third party operators, including tourism and heritage rail, are able to negotiate access to the Tasmanian Rail Network.

The Government is working to ensure that heritage rail operators with the appropriate accreditation are able to access the Tasmanian Rail Network, recognising the potential for heritage rail to attract new visitors across the regions.

Complete the \$10.6 million capital works at Parklands High School, providing students with modern contemporary flexible learning environments.

The Government has a clear goal to improve education outcomes and provide students access to modern and inspiring learning spaces.

Release the \$2.5 million tender for Snug Primary School or the construction of a new gymnasium and presentation hall.

The Government is committed to providing students with access to modern learning facilities.

Submit Development Application and Referral under the EPBC Act for the new viewing facility at Dove Lake.

The Government is investing \$21.8 million into the new gateway precinct at Cradle Mountain and viewing platform at Dove Lake to support visitors to our parks and protect our natural assets for future generations and ensure Cradle Mountain maintains its world class reputation.

Receive the interim feasibility report into the second Bass Strait Interconnector from the TasNetworks/ARENA project team.

TasNetworks and the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) are jointly investing \$20 million into a feasibility study and business case for a second Bass Strait electricity interconnector, offering important opportunities for Tasmania in terms of energy security and export of renewable energy into the National Energy Market.

Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Commence priority works from the Nut Master Plan, including new toilets and a penguin viewing platform.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and Reserves, including \$450,000 to improve visitor infrastructure at the Nut, to support visitors and protect our natural assets for future generations.

Commence construction of the Mowbray Connector upgrade in Launceston.

One of Northern Tasmania's major road safety and traffic hazards will be addressed with an upgrade of the junction of the East Tamar Highway and Mowbray Connector. These works will address serious safety concerns at this intersection, providing a better and safer experience for road users.

Commence planning for a fifth lane on the Southern Outlet.

Recognising the strong population growth in Kingborough, a new \$35 million lane from Mt Nelson to Hobart, will be constructed to ease traffic congestion. The new lane will allow priority travel for buses and emergency service vehicles, and help to reduce transit times for all commuters through a better spread of the traffic load.

Commence planning and design for the upgrade of the Tasman Highway between St Helens and Diana's Basin.

The Government is providing \$8.3 million to construct overtaking lanes in each direction of the Highway, and for other general road improvements. This will improve safety for users of this road, including local residents and tourists.

Complete the new day shelter at Mt Mawson.

The Government is investing in our national parks and reserves including \$1 million at Mt Mawson, where a new day shelter will be built, providing a higher quality visitor experience and improved safety at one of the State's most popular walking and snow-sport sites.



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Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century *cont.*

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Commence first stage priority works from the Cockle Creek Master Plan, including improved car parking and toilets.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and Reserves, including \$800,000 to improve the southern gateway to the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area.

Commence construction of the upgraded day walking track to Crescent Bay and Mt Brown.

The Government is investing in our iconic National Parks and Reserves and will construct an upgraded day walk to Crescent Bay and Mt Brown, to complement the existing Three Capes track walking experiences on the Tasman Peninsula. This will result in more people visiting, staying longer and spending more.

Commence public consultation on the Master Plan for the Tasman National Park gateway.

The Government is investing an additional \$16 million into our iconic National Parks and Reserves, including \$1 million to improve facilities such as viewing platforms, tracks, toilets, carparks at key locations including at Devil's Kitchen, Tasman Arch and Fortescue Bay.

Complete the \$5 million capital works at St Mary's District High School providing students with contemporary flexible learning environments.

This investment will ensure students at St Mary's District High School have access to contemporary, flexible learning spaces.

Commence planning for city gateway upgrades.

Tasmania is growing in popularity as a tourist destination and we need to ensure our regions and towns are presented in the best possible way. We will work with local tourism groups and councils to ensure that key entry points are well maintained and reflect the unique character and tourism offerings of the city and region.

Commence planning for the duplication of the road from Launceston Airport to Breadalbane and from the Airport to Evandale.

Upgrading the access roads to the Launceston Airport will improve safety for visitors and locals alike, ensuring the very best first impression when visitors arrive in Launceston.

Commence planning for additional overtaking opportunities on the Arthur Highway.

Residents of the Southern Beaches and Tasman Peninsula frequently experience delays and frustration due to slow moving traffic between Sorell and the Southern Beaches turnoffs. Putting in place suitable overtaking opportunities will reduce frustration and safety, and improve average transit times.

Initiate work to ease speed restrictions on the East Tamar Highway.

Despite the Australian Government spending \$60 million to upgrade the East Tamar Highway to a higher safety standard, the previous Labor Government chose to maintain a 100km limit over a 20km stretch. We will fund a study of road design with a view to increasing the speed limit to 110km per hour if safe and practicable to do so.



Building the Infrastructure for the 21st Century *cont.*

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Begin a review of traffic safety measures at the Channel Highway intersection at Howden.

This intersection has the potential to become an accident blackspot given the growing traffic volume on the Channel Highway. We will undertake a full review of traffic safety at this intersection to ensure it is in keeping with modern standards.

Commence planning for Tasman Highway access ramps at Rosny (Gordons Hill Road).

This sensible measure will help to improve traffic flow and reduce transit times for both commuters and visitors by facilitating access off the Tasman Highway from Gordons Hill Road.

Commence planning for the upgrade of the Midland Highway, including Mona Vale to Campbell Town, Campbell Town to Epping Forrest, and Melton Mowbray to Lovely Banks.

Upgrades to this vital transport corridor will help to facilitate safe journeys, reduce transit times and alleviate frustration for motorists by providing more opportunities for safe passing of slow moving vehicles.

Establish a traffic incident response team for Hobart.

Having an incident response team on duty during peak hours will allow for more dynamic and real-time responses to incidents. The response team may help to alleviate congestion and reduce frustration by helping to safely and quickly clear lanes in the event of collisions, and use smart technology to improve traffic control.

Commence planning for the upgrade of the Bass Highway, west of Wynyard.

The Bass Highway between Wynyard and Marawah is an important stretch of road for tourist and freight users and local residents. This upgrade will include road widening, overtaking lanes, intersection improvements and general road safety measures to increase safety and improve transit times.



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Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life

QUARTER ONE | March to June 2018

Commence the Heritage Renewal Loans Scheme.

The Scheme will revitalise Tasmania's unique historical heritage, give property owners the boost they need to protect our heritage, drive tourism demand and support our economy.

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Approve the Community Service Order Clean-ups Project Plan.

Litter and illegal dumping of rubbish can be a significant problem, especially on Crown land, reserves and roadsides. This will allow offenders subject to a Community Service Order to help with the battle against litter and illegal dumping of rubbish.

Finalise grant to RSL (Tasmania) for Armistice events in Tasmania.

The 100th anniversary of the Armistice, which ended the First World War, will be commemorated in November 2018. To support local events, the Government will provide \$50,000 in funding to RSL (Tasmania) to ensure this important anniversary is appropriately celebrated.

Finalise grant deed to increase Keep Australia Beautiful funding by \$15,000 per annum.

Keep Australia Beautiful supports programs in Tasmania including Tidy Towns, Sustainable Cities, Clean Beaches, the School Environment Awards Program and the ongoing management and expansion of the Eco School Environment Program.

Commence consultations with LGAT and other key stakeholders and land managers on the Crackdown on Illegal Dumping Project Plan.

The Plan includes increasing penalties for illegal dumping, establishing monitoring of known dumping hotspots, expanding reporting through a new smartphone app, and developing a program with local government for annual hard waste/recyclable materials collection services.

Planning underway for the building of new community amenities at high visitation trout fishing locations in conjunction with the Anglers Alliance Tasmania.

Tasmania's trout fishery is world-class and investing in new amenities at popular waters will encourage more people to go trout fishing as well as better support angling tourism.

Establish a new independent Tasmanian Game Council to oversee issues relating to game and browsing animals, and commence the Statewide Deer Census.

These measures will support landholders, farmers and hunters to sustainably manage all issues relating to game and browsing animals, including wild fallow deer.

Building your Future *First Year Agenda*

Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life *cont.*

QUARTER TWO | July to September 2018

Recognise the Returned and Services League (RSL) Tasmania as the peak body for veterans.

RSL (Tasmania) has supported veterans and ex-serving personnel in Tasmania for over 100 years, providing assistance, support and advocacy for our returned servicemen and women. Peak body status and associated core funding will assist the RSL in continuing to support and advocate for veterans and returned service personnel.

Commence the roll-out of the Agricultural Show Development Grants.

The Agricultural Show Development Grants Program will enable rural and regional show societies across Tasmania to upgrade vital community infrastructure ensuring these iconic community events remain relevant into the future

Open up applications for the first round of the Teddy Sheean grant fund for repairs and maintenance to RSLs and support for veterans organisations.

Tasmania has scores of RSLs and veterans bodies providing support and services to our returned defence personnel. This grants program will help our RSLs and veteran organisations to support our veteran and ex-serving personnel across the State.

Continue arrangements for a breakwater at Binalong Bay gulch.

The Government will provide MAST with \$100,000 to provide safer launch and retrieval conditions for all boats.

Execute a Grant Deed of \$7,000 per annum for Raptor Refuge to run a dedicated hotline for the reporting, rescue and timely collection of injured birds.

The Government has recognised the work that Raptor Rescue does in the rehabilitation of injured raptors and birds, and made a commitment to support Raptor Refuge to establish a Hotline to assist with the management of reporting and rehabilitation of injured birds.

Initiate the development of a Project Plan for streamlining Environmental Regulation.

Streamlining the EPA's regulatory framework is important to ensure its assessment, regulatory functions and processes are efficient and remain contemporary with national standards and approaches.

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Commence drafting legislative amendments to the *Climate Change (State Action) Act 2008*, in line with the Government's Climate Action 21 Strategy.

Tasmania's Climate Change Action Plan 2017-21 is a nation-leading plan that establishes a long-term target to achieve zero net emissions for Tasmania by 2050 and 100% self-sufficiency in renewable energy by 2022.



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Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life *cont.*

QUARTER THREE | October to December 2018

Commence \$8 million works project to future-proof our National Parks.

Maintenance is a critical part of the work done by the Parks and Wildlife Service. This new investment into maintenance work will help keep our Parks in good condition, and allow Parks to forward Plan works and keep assets at a high standard.

Commence “living next door to a farmer” campaign with the TFGA.

Building on our strengthening of the *Primary Industries Activities Protection Act* in 2016, the campaign will work with farmers, the real estate industry and local government to support good neighbourly relations, especially where farmland adjoins existing or new urban and peri-urban developments.

Complete the new Pedestrian Bridge linking Soldier’s Memorial Walk with the Cenotaph.

Funded as part of nationwide Centenary of ANZAC commemorations, the Bridge will provide a pedestrian link between the Hobart Cenotaph and Soldiers Memorial Avenue, creating a unified commemorative precinct.

Continue planning and design on the 30-50 metre extension of the rock breakwater at Coles Bay.

The Government is providing \$500,000 to MAST for the works that will ensure greater protection for vessels in southerly weather.

Call for tender applications for active recreation program in our National Parks for returned service personnel.

Research indicates that returned service personnel miss the camaraderie and team work from their defence experience. In partnership with the Parks and Wildlife Service, the Government will provide an active recreation program in our National Parks for returned service personnel. The program will have a focus on mental health and wellbeing, and links to pathways to training and employment in outdoor education and/or eco-tourism.

Commence construction of the Corinna Boat ramp on the West Coast.

During the 2016 floods, the Corinna boat ramp was damaged. As one of the few points of access to the Arthur River, the Government will invest up to \$50,000 to remediate the damage and ensure safe access to the river for users.

Invest \$200,000 to deliver Big Bash cricket in the north and north-west in the 2018-19 Big Bash season.

The Big Bash not only provides a sporting spectacle, but flow-on benefits to the local economy. This investment will secure a BBL and WBBL match in Launceston, and for the first time ever, will deliver a WBBL game at either Burnie or Devonport.

Commence work on the *Litter Act 2007* to separate illegal dumping from littering and increase the penalties for illegal dumping.

There is a need to reflect the significance of illegal waste dumping through stricter penalties and the costs to the community for the clean-up and proper disposal of waste.

Protecting the Tasmanian Way of Life cont.

QUARTER FOUR | January to March 2019

Submit the Public Environment Report to the Federal Minister to allow the APCA tracks to be approved for re-opening.

The Government is committed to re-opening the APCA tracks for sensible recreational off-road vehicle use and will submit the necessary information to the Australian Government to enable the Federal Minister to approve the tracks re-opening, recognising this will only be done in a manner that ensures the values of the area are properly protected.

Double the amount of days Special Interest Vehicles are allowed to be used on Tasmanian roads.

This will allow owners of Special Interest-plated vehicles to drive their collectable cars or motorbikes on the road 104 days per year, up from the current 52 days.

Provide owners of VC-plated veteran and vintage vehicles with an extra 30 road days per annum, not specific to club events.

This will mean owners of VC-plated veteran and vintage vehicles will be able to enjoy longer periods on the road.

Remove the cost of motor tax from Special Interest registered vehicles, bringing it into line with Club Event vehicles.

This will allow owners of all Special Interest registered vehicles to save money, with the average minimum saving of around \$64.50 per registered vehicle.

Extend the Nubeena Jetty, with \$200,000 in funding support to MAST.

This will allow more access for recreational and commercial vessels due to the Port Arthur Jetty often being required for cruise boat visitors.



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